

California Libertarian News

The Newsletter of the Libertarian Party of California

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November 4

THE DAY OF RECKONING

It's here—it's now—the day we've been working towards for the past eight months! We hope the vote total for all our candidates surpasses our wildest dreams, but—let's face it—there's good news and bad. No matter what else we accomplish, one of our statewide candidates needs to win 2% of the vote for that office for the LPC to stay on the ballot, and every vote is going to count.

First, the bad news: Certain polls originally suggested that the three minor parties could expect to divide about 10% of the vote total between them, presumably more than enough to keep us all on the ballot. But a recent poll indicates that that percentage is far too high, with the actual count being just 4%—a much smaller piece of pie to be divided. In other words, **one, or perhaps all three, of the smaller parties may have to go!!!** If this turns out to be a correct prediction, it'll be a case of how many crumbs of pie we can pick up.

Let's hope the polls are wrong—but, meanwhile, **we need to work to get the vote out.**

Nor can we count on the registered Libertarians. Carol Newman describes her precinct walking experiences where she handed out literature to supposedly Libertarian voters, and the all-too-often dismal response was, "We don't vote—never vote—we're Libertarians." Clearly, we've got to persuade many non-Libertarians to support our candidates—and the Peace and Freedom and American Independent Parties have the same problem and are out beating the bushes just as we are.

On the brighter side (the good news), when libertarians speak, people listen and like what they hear. Item: Larry Leathers with the Almodovar campaign reports that support for Norma Jean and her ideas continues to grow. At a supper club meeting in San Diego, he talked with the restaurant staff and they were enthusiastically behind Norma Jean after listening to her. They wanted her buttons to wear and literature, —which is especially encouraging as they had heard Tom Bradley the night before and described his speech as boring.

Item: Larry also whipped up support from people out in Nipton (see last month's *CLNews*), where he spoke on behalf of Norma Jean. The question is, will enough voters have heard us and liked us to say yes to our candidates on election day?



A Sign of the Times

To inspire thousands of people in the few weeks before election day to vote LP, Los Angeles candidates contributed funds to pay for a huge billboard on Ventura Blvd. in Sherman Oaks, which can be read at least three blocks away.

The 12'x24' sign cost \$1,000, and candidate Don Meyer (45th Assembly District) spearheaded the fundraising drive. Credit for the eye-catching design goes to Bob Leet, Carol Newman's husband; and Taylor Rhodes provided marketing advice.

Donors for the sign are: Norma Jean Almodovar, Carol Newman, Bud Bates (46th Assem. Dist.), Howard Johnson (28th Cong. Dist.), Jona Bergland (22nd Cong. Dist.), Don Meyer, and Waheed Bector (29th Cong. Dist.), with some monies coming from the Political Action Committee, as well.

Excom and Natcom to Meet

Both the state Executive Committee and the National Committee are meeting this month on different weekends. All LP and LPC meetings are open, and members are invited to attend.

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Candidates and Campaign News

Statewide Candidates Directory

Governor

Joseph Fuhrig(415) 792-9024

Lieutenant Governor

Norma Jean Almodovar(213) 850-1776
7250 Franklin
Los Angeles, 90046

Secretary of State

Richard Winger(415) 922-9779
3201 Baker St.
San Francisco, 94123

Controller

Carolyn Treynor(213) 546-2846

Treasurer

Ray Cullen(714) 645-4033

Attorney General

Carol Newman(818) 884-8528
7150 Carlson Circle, #19
Canoga Park, 91303

U. S. Senate

Breck McKinley(818) 907-7116

The Senate Debate: On Again, Off Again

Senate candidate Breck McKinley has heard a rumor from someone in the Zschau campaign, that the televised debates are still a possibility. Seems that it was Cranston who backed off as soon as Zschau said he was willing to debate the third-party candidates.

According to Breck, "Cranston favored the idea of a five-way debate until we all agreed—this put him on the side of motherhood and apple pie. When we agreed, he said he refused to debate Zschau, saying he wouldn't debate a liar."

Pending a final no from Cranston, Zschau is reported to be "in training."

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STATE MEASURES

Executive Committee Recommendations

53	SCHOOL BUILDING LEASE-PURCHASE BOND LAW. \$800,000,000 for public school construction/improvement.	NO
54	NEW PRISON CONSTRUCTION BOND ACT. \$500,000,000 for prison construction.	NO
55	SAFE DRINKING WATER BOND LAW. \$100,000,000 for drinking water systems.	NO
56	HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES BOND ACT. \$400,000,000 for construction on state campuses.	NO
57	RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS. Limits retirement pensions of the top 11 state elected officials.	YES
58	TAXATION. FAMILY TRANSFERS. Exempts transfers of real property between spouses and children/parents.	YES
59	ELECTED DISTRICT ATTORNEY. Requires office of county district attorney to be elective.	NP
60	TAXATION. REPLACEMENT RESIDENCES. Permits homeowners over fifty-five who change residences to keep assessment under certain conditions.	YES
61	PUBLIC OFFICIAL, EMPLOYEE, CONTRACTOR COMPENSATION. Limits salaries of state and local public officials, employees and individual contractors. ("Paul Gann Initiative")	YES
62	LOCAL TAXATION. Requires voter approval for new taxes and tax increases by local governments and districts.(2/3 approval for special taxes; majority for general taxes).	YES
63	OFFICIAL STATE LANGUAGE. Requires Legislature and State officials to insure English as official state common language. Provides for private enforcement.	NO
64	ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS). Declares AIDS virus carrier a contagious condition, subject to quarantine and reportable disease regulation. ("LaRouche Initiative")	NO
65	TOXIC DISCHARGE AND EXPOSURE RESTRICTIONS. Prohibits discharge of toxic chemicals into drinking water and requires warnings of toxic chemicals exposure.	NO
NP*: No Position taken		

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Here FIDO-NET

The Santa Clara LP is looking for donations to bring the Liberty Bell Bulletin Board Service back on the air. The donated equipment was somewhat unique and has been down. What's needed is a more standard setup.

According to LPC chair Mark Hinkle, the current plan is to get an IBM AT system and run the FIDO-NET BBS, which will allow libertarians throughout the world to communicate via computers, modems, and telephone lines.

The computer address is FIDO-NET (143/11). Donations should be sent to 401 East Taylor, San Jose, 95112.

Meet the Candidates

Jay Wood 18th State Senate District (Malibu north to South Santa Barbara County)

Libertarian Jay C. Wood, 53, of Oxnard earned a master's degree in educational computing from Pepperdine University in 1985 and a master's degree in occupational education from Southern Illinois University in 1982.

He has taught classes in electricity part-time at Oxnard College since 1981, and teaches computer classes part-time at Watterson College, Oxnard. He retired from the Navy in 1984 after serving at the Naval Construction Training Center in Port Hueneme.

He is the father of three grown children.

Candidate statement: "Today, the state Legislature is attempting to replace local supervision with state authority. This means that control over local matters is being taken from local people and placed into Sacramento bureaus.

"Education is a striking example of this trend. The state's plan for education is to replace local school boards with regional bureaus. What little authority local school boards now have is to be replaced with bureaucratic edicts which must be obeyed.

"I am against this trend! I feel that local people should determine how to deal with local issues. Local people should raise and spend their own monies on local matters without state bureaus taking a surcharge. Local people should determine what and what not to purchase with their own monies.

"Local people do not require state bureaus to purchase what they may not want nor require. I oppose all legislation which enlarges the state's control over local matters."

From the Oxnard Press Courier, campaign publication, June 1, 1986.



Taylor Rhodes 23rd Congressional District (West San Fernando Valley, Beverly Hills, and Westwood)



Besides the Democrat and Republican, there are two other candidates in the race. Taylor Rhodes, 58, a Beverly Hills marketing consultant, is the Libertarian Party candidate; and Tom Hopke, 35, a Los Angeles astrologer and musician is running under the aegis of the Peace and Freedom Party.

Rhodes said he believes the deficit is the major federal problem today. He opposes raising taxes and favors the controversial Gramm-Rudman legislation requiring cross-the-board budget cuts if necessary to bring federal spending under control. He would give the president the power to delete individual items in the budget presented by Congress. He also favors a Constitutional amendment that would require a balanced federal budget. "My main theme is that since most Democrats agree with us on our social tolerance issues, and most Republicans agree with us on our fiscal responsibility positions, the majority of Democrats and Republicans are already half Libertarians." Rhodes said.

From the L.A. Times, Westside edition.

Natcom and Excom Meetings

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Natcom to Meet in L.A.

The LP National Committee meets in Los Angeles the weekend of November 22-23, at the Viscount Hotel, 9750 Airport Blvd., (near LAX). Libertarians will be there from all over the country, so it'll be a good chance to find out what's going on in other states and with other campaigns. All Natcom meetings are open.

AN EVENING OF HIGH COMEDY: In conjunction with the Natcom meeting, there will be a great post-election party—with hilarious comedy provided by Dan "the Whip" Weiner (former LPC chair and congressional candidate); Dick Boddie, whose impersonations of your favorite entertainers and politicians are memorable; and Rich Stein, a stand-up comedian friend of Dick Boddie's—he's looking forward to working his first libertarian audience. MC for the evening will be Dave Bergland, LP candidate for president in '84.

Cocktails are at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. with the program following. Cost: dinner and program, \$25; program only, \$15. (Proceeds will go to the Libertarian Party of California.) **Reservations are necessary. Call Sharon Ayres—(714) 966-1211—no later than November 15.**

Excom Meeting in Milpitas

The State Excom is meeting before the Natcom, the weekend of November 15-16, at the Beverly Heritage Hotel, 1820 Barber Lane, Milpitas, not far from the San Jose Airport (shuttle service available). All Excom representatives are encouraged to attend.

Objectivist Club Formed at UCSB

Santa Barbara libertarians and objectivists have founded a discussion group on the campus of UC Santa Barbara. They'll meet Thursday evenings (7:00 p.m.) to watch video tapes and discuss the issues raised.

Schedule for November:

November 6: *Individualism: the Moral Basis of Freedom*
November 13: *Conservatism: Antithesis of Capitalism*
November 20: *Capitalism vs Socialism: Which is the Moral System?*

The tapes can be purchased for \$30.00 and might be interesting at other libertarian meetings and discussion groups. For more information, contact the club's president, Darrin McNeese, (805) 968-8363.

Ballot Measure Recommendations

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Propositions 53-56 are bond issues. Since libertarians don't approve of plunging future generation of taxpayers into debt to pay for what some folks want today, NO is obvious.

Ted Brown, chair of Region 64, wrote the arguments against Prop. 55, in which he points out that this ballot contains a record high of \$1,800,000,000 in bond measures proposed by the Legislature. "They say that the taxpayers won't have to pay, but they don't tell us that there are millions of dollars in interest that will be due to bondholders," Ted writes.

Proposition 57 would limit pension increases of the top 11 state elected officials to a cost-of-living increase only. At the present time, they receive a pension increase every time the salary of the office is increased.

Proposition 58 (and Props. 60, 61 and 62) is intended to restore strength to Proposition 13 which has been severely gutted by the California Supreme Court. Prop. 58 would broaden the circumstances under which transfers of real property from parent to children do not trigger reassessment. It would put into the state Constitution the protection from reassessment after transfer between spouses.

Proposition 59 would require county District Attorneys to be elected. No position taken.

Proposition 60 would prevent property tax reassessment for those over 55 who buy a new residence of no greater value in the same county within two years of sale of their old residence. At present, even persons who are victims of forced sales through eminent domain lose their Proposition 13 benefits—a particularly vicious situation.

Proposition 61 would reduce currently scheduled increases in the salary of the governor and limit all other government salaries to 80% of the governor's salary. Salaries could be in-

creased only by a popular vote. The LPC strongly supports this measure. If a cap on salary increases discourages people from seeking government employment, so much the better—that's a fairly painless way of cutting back the size of government.

Proposition 62 would require voter approval for new or higher general taxes. YES, of course.

Proposition 63 makes English the official language of California. While it's one thing to oppose bilingual ballots and education programs, it's quite another to establish an official language, to grant the Legislature the power to enforce this "through appropriate legislation," and to give individuals the power to sue the State of California for not doing enough to enforce this section.

Proposition 64 is the most dangerous proposition on the ballot. It would quarantine and take other strong measures against those suffering from AIDS. What is frightening is the speed with which this initiative qualified for the ballot. The LPC Excom passed a strong resolution of opposition to it at the May meeting (see June *CLNews*).

Proposition 65 is the toxics initiative. After much discussion—who's in favor of toxic waste?—the Excom voted to recommend a NO vote. The reason is that there really are too many exceptions, just like the anti-65 ads say. The exceptions include publicly owned nuclear power plants, cities which dump raw sewage into freshwater streams, public water systems, military bases, county landfills—and thousands of businesses.

This discussion is based in part on the analysis which appeared in the *Santa Clara Libertarian*, 401 E. Taylor St., San Jose, 95112. Subscription rates: \$6/year bulk rate, \$10/year first class.

The Sounding Board

An Invitation to Practical Politics

Dear Editor:

Neo-libertarianism and lobbying for freedom: two ideas whose time have come. The political realities are that from 1980 to 1984 the percentage of public vote for libertarian candidates dropped by two-thirds; and where candidates like Dave Redick got 4% of the vote for congress running as a libertarian in 1980, he got 40% running as a libertarian Republican in 1984. Moreover, in 1984 I distributed enough Bergland literature in my county (Lake County) to reach one-third of the voters and still got only 1% of the vote.

But we don't have to abandon our principles to play pragmatic politics. . . Neo-libertarianism is a technique which can be defined as a non-alienating tactical position which accommodates the mindset and temperament of non-libertarians and moves them in our direction on an issue.

For example, I got myself appointed to the County's drug abuse advisory board. But I can't just sloganeer about legalizing drugs and let the chips fall where they may—that would cause a "no sale" sign to register in people's eyes. So when I give presentations to the city council, county board of supervisors or school board—and when I lobby the police chief and district attorney—I take intermediate positions which explain the economic counter-effects of drug laws in raising burglary

rates and violence; call for the *de facto* decriminalization of personal pot growing; and demand an autonomistic, rather than prohibitionistic approach, to public school drug education problems.

The strategy of simply running our principles up the flagpole to see who salutes is passe. I invite my fellow libertarians to do more than just pop up as paper candidates to propagandise every couple of years. I invite you to get involved in the real world of pragmatic politics by lobbying for freedom at the local and state government levels.

LP chair Jim Turney asks how to explain the low attendance at most 1985 and 1986 state conventions and the few active local organizations. If we want to correct that situation, we are going to have to teach libertarians how to play the pragmatic game of year-round political lobbying and how to utilize the neo-libertarian tactical positions as the Cato Institute and *Reason* magazine do—otherwise, the Libertarian Party will become a waste of time and vote for the average person.

Yours in liberty,

Randall Grindle
Lake County LP Representative

This letter has been abridged for space considerations. For a complete copy, Randall's address is: P.O. 684, Lower Lake, CA 95457. (707) 994-4817.

Thanksgiving Day, 1623

We've all heard the "official" version of when and why the Pilgrims celebrated the first Thanksgiving. As taught in government schools it goes something like this: The first year following their landing in Massachusetts (1620), the Pilgrims suffered great hardship. Many were sick, and food was in short supply. They quickly consumed what stores of food they had and didn't know how to replenish them. The colony was on the verge of starvation. Then the Indians showed them how to plant beans, maize and squash, and, through happy cooperation, all were able to harvest a bumper crop in 1621. They celebrated this largesse with a feast which we have commemorated ever since. Moral: There would be no famine if we all worked together, sacrificed our selfish interests, and taught others proper farming methods

There's only one thing wrong with this scenario—it ain't the way it happened. Here's the story as told by Plymouth Colony's Governor Bradford in his *History of the Plymouth Colony*. For two years the Pilgrims practiced collective ownership of land and the means of production, maintained a common storehouse, and shared the work. They nearly starved to death and fell back on a rationing system—sometimes as little as a quarter of a pound of bread a day per person. Bradford feared famine would come the following year as well, unless "somehow prevented."

(The colonists) began to think how they might raise as much corn as they could and obtain a better crop than they had done, that they might not still thus languish in misery. At length (in 1623), after much debate of things, the governor—with the advice of the chiefest among them—gave way that they should put down every man for his own particular and in that regard trust to themselves. . . and so assigned to every family, a parcel of land.

This had very good success, for it made all hands very industrious, so that much more corn was planted than otherwise would have been by any means the governor or any other could use, and saved them a great deal of trouble and gave far better content.

The women now went willingly into the fields and took their little ones with them to set corn, since before they alleged weakness and inability, whom to have compelled would have been thought great tyranny and oppression.

Bradford concluded:

The experience that was had in this common course and condition hard sundry years, and that amongst godly and sober men may well evince the vanity of that conceit of Plato and other ancients applauded by some of later times, that the taking away of property and bringing in community into a common wealth, would make them happy and flourishing, as if they were wiser than God. For this community, so far as it was, was found to breed much confusion and discontent and retard much employment that would have been to their benefit and comfort.

For the young men that were most able and fit for labor and service did repine that they should spend their time and strength to work for other men's wives and children, without any recompense. The strong, or man of parts, had no more in division of victuals and clothes, than he that was weak and not able to do a quarter the other could; this was thought injustice. . .

By this time harvest was come, and instead of famine, now God gave them plenty, and the face of things was changed to the rejoicing of the hearts of many, for which they blessed God, and in the effect of their particular planting was well seen, for all had one way and another pretty well to bring the year about. And some of the abler sort and more industrious had to spare and felt to others, so as any general want or famine hath not been amongst them to this day.

Have a happy Thanksgiving.

The source for this account is R. W. Grant's *The Incredible Bread Machine*, 1966 edition. CLNews has modernized the spelling.

Future of Freedom Conference

November 7-9 is the Future of Freedom Conference, the oldest libertarian conference series in the world, which will be held at the Pacifica Hotel in Culver City.

Speakers this year include David Bergland, John Hospers, Robert Poole, Karl Hess, Walter Block, and many others. You can enjoy a gourmet buffet luncheon with Barbara Brandon, author of *The Passion of Ayn Rand*; and at a special evening event, Durk Pearson and Sandy Shaw who will tell ways of "Getting What You Want in Spite of the State," and discuss "Your Health into the 21st Century."

For more information, check the ad the September CLNews, or write Future of Freedom Conference, P.O. Box 224, Long Beach, CA 90801. Telephone: (714) 531-1807.



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LOCAL EVENTS AND CONTACTS

COUNTY	DATE	EVENTS	CHAIR or CONTACT*	PHONE
Alameda	Thu., Nov. 13	Discussion: Post-mortem of the Election	Fred Foldvary	415/548-3776
Butte			Mark Sweany	916/345-9970
Contra Costa			Hugh McLean	415/234-7809
Fresno			Tim Salzer	209/233-4393
Kern	Fridays	Discussion Group and Party Every Friday Evening	Craig Gifford	805/832-6231
Lake			Randall Grindle	707/994-4817
Los Angeles Co. (Regions 61-67)				
-61, San Fernando Valley	Wed., Nov. 12	Neal Donner: Libertarianism and Mysticism	Roland Shirley*	818/882-9209
-62, West L.A.	Thu., Nov. 20	James "Libertarian" Burns: Looking Towards '88	Neal Donner	213/477-6462
-63, Foothills	Tue., Nov. 18	Discussion: "Rehashing" Election Results	Kim Goldsworthy	818/280-5644
-64, Central L.A.	Thu., Nov. 13	Paul Sarvis: Winning vs. Redevelopment Agencies	Ted Brown	213/257-8922
-65, Downey	Wed., Nov. 12	Speaker and Topic to be Announced	Marty Swinney	213/699-3128
-66, South Bay	Thu., Nov. 16	Howard Hinman: Is Political Action Valid for LP?	Cullene Lang	213/595-6266
-67, East San Gabriel Valley			Gail Lightfoot	714/599-1627
Marin	Wed., Nov. 5	Don Kates: Reflections of a Liberal Gun Control Supporter	Dan Dougherty*	415/457-1411
Monterey			Bob Ratto	408/424-9346
Nevada			Jim Hosbein	916/273-9174
Orange	Thu., Nov. 13	Liberty Forum: Speaker and Topic to be Announced	Steve Krueger	714/975-0905
Placer			Bruce Daniel	916/663-2568
Riverside		No Meeting in November	Ron Holman	714/684-5218
Sacramento			Roger Pope	916/921-1776
San Bernardino		No Meeting in November		714/684-5218
San Diego	Mon., Nov. 10	Business Meeting	Dick Rider*	619/276-7166
	Tue., Nov. 11	Jim Peron: Libertarian Party Renaissance	Pat Wright	619/238-0913
San Diego (No. Co.)	Tue., Nov. 18	Fred Schnaubelt: The Constitution and the Course of History		
San Francisco			Dick Rider*	619/276-7166
San Luis Obispo			Mike Mayakis	415/621-2386
San Mateo			Steve Jacobsen	805/541-0900
Santa Barbara	Thursdays	Objectivist Meetings: Video Tapes (see page 4)	Lyn Sapowsky	415/368-8148
Santa Clara			Dave Villadsen*	805/685-1686
Santa Cruz			Dale Burrow	408/279-3733
Solano			Bill Anderson*	408/476-9753
Sonoma			Mark Moberg	707/864-1673
Tulare	Sats. 1, 15, 29	Discussion: Charles Murray's <i>Losing Ground</i>	Jim Oglesby	707/823-5261
Ventura	Tue., Nov. 4	Election Night Party and Celebration	Vicky Daley	209/688-4159
			George Hasara	805/525-6321

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